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SUBJECT: THAI-ROC UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS

REF: A. TAIPEI 5752; B. TAIPEI 5722; C. TAIPEI 5597;
D. BANGKOK 18003

1. CHINA AIRLINES (CAL) OFFICIALS IN BANGKOK HAVE RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL WORD REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF GROC VISAS. SINCE THE DEPARTURE OF THE GROC MISSION FROM THAILAND, THE CAL OFFICE HAS BEEN INUNDATED BY VISA REQUESTS. THE CAL OFFICE IS NOT ACCEPTING ANY VISA APPLICATIONS UNTIL THE SITUATION IS OFFICIALLY CLARIFIED.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR SEPTEMBER 5, MFA DIRECTOR OF POLICY AND PLANNING WITTHAYA WETCHACHIWA INDICATED THAT RTG PLANNING FOR UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATION
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SCRIBED IN REF A. HE SAID THAT WHILE THE THAI INTERNATIONAL OFFICE IN TAIPEI WOULD ISSUE VISAS FOR THAILAND, EENTUALLY WOULD PERFORM OTHER FUNCTIONS, AND WOULD BE STAFFED BY MFA OFFICIALS, THE PROBLEM OF DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF THEIR EXTRA ALLOWANCES TO COMPENSATE FOR THEIR LACK OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES IS CAUSING BUREAUCRATIC AND BUDGETARY DELAYS. HE CONFIRMED THAT RTG EXPECTS GROC WILL SEND MFA OFFICIALS TO CAL OFFICE IN BANGKOK TO HANDLE VISAS AND OTHER CONSULAR MATTERS FOR TAIWAN AND SAID THAT RTG WILL MAKE NO DIFFICULTY ABOUT ISSUING VISAS TO THESE GROC OFFICIALS.

3. COMMENT: THE RTG APPEARS TO FEEL LESS URGENCY THAN THE GROC IN IMPLEMENTING THEIR UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS.
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